Setting up of auction platforms by tobacco Board

1935. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tobacco Board will set up pilot or experimental auction platforms for sale of beedi tobacco;

(b) if so, the areas selected for setting up such auction platforms for Beedi tobacco;

(c) whether any preliminary survey has been done in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A preliminary survey was conducted in beedi tobacco growing States i.e. Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka regarding internal marketing of Non-Virginia Tobacco.

Agricultural labourers in Gujarat

1936. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a a fact that there are no specific schemes for the agricultural labourers in the backward areas of Gujarat as a result of which certain areas are being developed and others are neglected there; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor together with Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Revision of Prices by MNCs

1937. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Colgate Palmolive India Limited, Hindustan Livers, Ponds India Limited like multi-national companies revise the prices of their products periodically;

(b) if so, how many times were the prices revised by these companies of their products during the last three years;

(c) whether these companies give dealer schemes on tooth brush etc. on ragular basis but the same are not given to Super Bazar;

(d) if so, the details of the dealer schemes given by these companies during the last three years and the reasons for not giving the same to Super Bazar; and

(e) the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been reported by the Super Bazar that during the last three years M/s Hindustan Lever Ltd., M/s Ponds India Ltd. and M/s Colgate Palmolive India Ltd. have revised the prices of various items on 87, 32 and 59 occasions respectively.

(c) to (e) Super Bazar has reported that not all the schemes of these companies which are meant for the dealers are passed on to Super Bazar. Details of such dealer schemes of different companies are not maintained. Central Government has written to M/s Indian Soap and Toiletries Makers Association to extend such Sales Promotion Schemes to leading Consumer Cooperative Stores also.

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1938. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मंत्रायल को रायगढ़ जिले में बहु-उद्देशीय "केलो" परियोजना के निर्माण को स्वीकृति प्रदान करने के लिये मध्य प्रदेश सरकार का प्रस्ताव और अनुरोध कब प्राप्त हुआ;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा वर्ष 1994-95 तक इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(ग) इस परियोजना के निर्माण के लिए स्वीकृति प्रदान करने में मुख्य कठिनाई क्या है और राज्य सरकार तथा केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा अपने-अपने स्तर पर की गई पहल का ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संबंध में की गई वास्तविक उपलब्धियां क्या-क्या है?